GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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Incentive Scheme for Edible Oil and Oilseeds
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of the Government for an incentive scheme for the benefit of farmers and entrepreneurs for the production of edible oils and oilseeds in country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government proposes to ban export and increase imports of edible oils keeping in view their rising prices and shortage in availability; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI C. R. CHAUDHARY)
(a) & (b): To increase production and productivity of oilseed and thereby edible oils through an integrated and comprehensive approach, National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP) is implemented since 2014-15 in the major oilseeds growing States. Financial assistance is provided to all type of farmers for Seed Components (production and distribution of certified seeds including seed minikits), Production inputs (plant protection chemicals including bio-pesticides), Plant Protection equipment including eco friendly light-trap, distribution of micronutrients, bio-fertilizers, improved farm implements, sprinklers, water carrying pipes and Transfer of Technology (block demonstrations, frontline demonstrations, farmers and extension workers training etc.).
(c) & (d): Government does not have any proposal to ban export of edible oils. However, certain conditions have been imposed to restrict open-ended exports.
Due to insufficient production of oilseeds and thereby edible oils, the country is dependent on imports to the extent of deficient quantity. However, in order to ensure availability of edible oils at reasonable prices, Government reviews the import duty structure from time to time.
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